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IN RE APPLICATION OF :  
AKIHIDE SHIRATSUKI, ET AL. : EXAMINER: CHAN, K.  
SERIAL NO: 10/575,450 :  
FILED: APRIL 12, 2006 : GROUP ART UNIT: 2837  
FOR: ELEVATOR RAIL JOINT :  
DETECTOR AND ELEVATOR SYSTEM

AMENDMENT

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS  
ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA 22313

SIR:

In response to the Official Action of November 18, 2008, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 5 of this paper.